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PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

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Dear OIPE/Customer Service:

We received the attached Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (see Attachment A) and believe our Request for Filing Receipt Correction mailed 10/07/03 is correct (see Attachment B). We do not believe our request claims priority based on an application filed after the application making the claim, as indicated in Attachment A. We request that you please review the attached documents and reconsider your response.

If you continue to believe that the claim of priority is incorrect, please contact applicants' attorney to discuss.

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### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

**Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority** 

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In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply OHNSON WINDNESS PLLC

|   | period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1,55 or 1,78.  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   | Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification.                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ą | A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim,   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application. A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4). |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order: Country, Application number, Filing date.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this   |  |  |  |  |  |

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|               | application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority.  |
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|               | To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the ben-fit claim is referenced in the specification), or provid—a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.  |
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# ATTACHMENT B

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Attorney Docket No. GARW115949 (old)

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Application No.: 09/724,287

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Filed:

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Title:

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#### REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT CORRECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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FILING RECEIPT CORRECTIONS

In reviewing the official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application, applicant's attorney noted that the Domestic Priority Data is incorrect as well as the listing of a U.S. PCT application under Foreign Applications. Applicant's attorney, therefore, respectfully requests that the Filing Receipt be revised to read as follows:

### Domestic Priority Data as claimed by applicant:

This application is a CIP of PCT/US00/29038 10/19/2000 which is a CIP of 09/550,399 04/14/2000 ABN which is a CIP of 09/392,074 09/08/1999 ABN which is a CON of 09/039,150 03/13/1998 ABN which claims benefit of 60/040,556 03/13/1997 Application 09/550,399 claims benefit of 60/129,595 04/15/1999 and claims benefit of 60/141,569 06/29/1999 and claims benefit of 60/144,400 07/16/1999 and claims benefit of 60/148,227 07/27/1999 and claims benefit of 60/149,938 08/19/1999

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#### Foreign applications

(No applications should be listed here)

Please note that the Attorney Docket No. has been changed to CRSL115949.

Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt with the changes marked in red.

Respectfully submitted,

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